

1 In the Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A thermoglue binding tape to protect
2 and decorate carpet's edges and borders with a fuse
3 system, wherein the unfinished edge of the carpet has a
4 floor-abutting surface and an ambient-facing surface, and
5 wherein the ambient-facing surface of the unfinished edge
6 of the carpet opposes the floor-abutting surface of the
7 unfinished edge of the carpet, said binding comprising:
8 a) a tape; and
9 b) an adhesive; and
10 c) welting;
11 wherein said tape has a pair of opposing surfaces;
12 wherein said pair of opposing surfaces of said tape is
13 defined by a pair of opposing edges;
14 wherein said adhesive is disposed on said tape; and
15 wherein said adhesive is for adhering said tape to the
16 unfinished edge of the carpet;
17 wherein said adhesive is a pair of adhesive strips;
18 wherein one strip of said pair of adhesive strips of said
19 adhesive completely covers one surface of said pair of
20 opposing surfaces of said tape;
21 wherein the other strip of said pair of adhesive strips
22 of said adhesive extends along the other surface of said
23 pair of opposing surfaces of said tape;
24 wherein the other strip of said pair of adhesive strips
25 of said adhesive is adjacent one edge of said pair of
26 opposing edges of said tape;

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27 wherein said welting extends along said one surface of
 28 said pair of opposing surfaces of said tape;
 29 wherein said welting is disposed substantially midway
 30 between said pair of opposing edges of said tape;
 31 wherein said welting is adhered to said tape by said one
 32 strip of said pair of adhesive strips of said adhesive
 33 on said one surface of said pair of opposing surfaces of
 34 said tape;
 35 wherein said tape wraps around said welting;
 36 wherein said tape adheres to said welting;
 37 wherein said tape has an originating portion;
 38 wherein said originating portion of said tape extends
 39 free of said welting;
 40 wherein said tape has a terminating portion;
 41 wherein said terminating portion of said tape extends
 42 free of said welting;
 43 wherein said terminating portion of said tape overlies
 44 said originating portion of said tape and is adhered
 45 thereto, by virtue of said one strip of said pair of
 46 adhesive strips of said adhesive on said one surface of
 47 said pair of opposing surfaces of said tape, so as to
 48 form a flange.

1 2-11. (cancelled)

1 12. (currently amended) The binding as defined in claim 11
 2 1, wherein said welting is a paper rope.

1 13-16. (cancelled)

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1 17. (currently amended) The binding as defined in claim 16
2 1, wherein said flange of said tape has the other strip
3 of said pair of adhesive strips of said adhesive thereon
4 by virtue of said terminating portion of said tape having
5 the other surface of said pair of opposing surfaces of
6 said tape exposed thereon.

1 18. (original) The binding as defined in claim 17, wherein
2 said flange of said tape is for underlying abutting the
3 floor-facing surface of the unfinished edge of the carpet
4 and is adhered thereto by said other strip of said pair
5 of adhesive strips of said adhesive when said tape is
6 heated by a special iron design precisely for this
7 purpose, which melts said adhesive.

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